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Japanese Application No. JP 03269184, according to the English language abstract, is directed to anti-staining wallpaper comprised of a base sheet and a protective film formed by applying an aqueous dispersion of a fluoroesin on the base sheet.

Japanese Application No. JP 03275860, according to the English language abstract, is directed to preventing staining of vinyl chloride wall papers by applying polyperfluoroalkylene oxide and a compound with reactive groups to the surface of the wall paper.

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